

Bringing the County Closer to You!

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## **September 28, 2017**

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting Monday, October 2 7:00pm Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: A Draft Profile of the Upcounty
Guests: Dennis Linders, CountyStat Office
Thomas Tippett, CountyStat Office

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to <a href="mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov">catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.

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## Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Relief

Recent hurricanes have wrought widespread devastation on our neighbors in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and beyond; and many people want to help. The most effective way to support disaster survivors in their recovery is to donate money and time to trusted and reputable organizations. FEMA is offering guidance on providing support for people directly impacted by Hurricanes <a href="Harvey and Irma">Harvey and Irma</a> as well as Hurricane <a href="Maria">Maria</a>.

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# <u>Assistant Chief Betsy Davis – Retiring with Over 32 Years of Dedicated</u> Service with the Montgomery County Police Department

On Friday, September 29, Montgomery County Police Assistant Chief Betsy Davis will complete her last tour of duty after 32 plus years of dedicated service with the Montgomery County Police Department. Thank you, Chief Davis!

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## Check out the Free Fares on New MD 355 "Ride On extRa" Service - Starts October 2017

The new and faster Ride On extRa rush hour service beginning October 2 on Route 355 will be free, on an introductory basis, during the month of October.

**Ride On extRa** will run only during peak periods, Monday through Friday, 5:30am-9:30am and 3:30pm-7:30pm. It will provide service from Lakeforest Transit Center in Gaithersburg to Medical Center Metro in Bethesda – running every ten minutes and making just twelve stops. The service will connect to half of the bus routes in the County, as well as to Metrorail and MARC rail.

**Ride On extRa** vehicles will have many amenities that promote comfort and faster service. For example, the vehicles will have traffic signal priority and passengers will have low-floor boarding, free WiFi, USB charging ports and padding on seats.

*Ride On extRa* stops will include Lakeforest Transit Center, Summit Ave., Westland Dr., Shady Grove Metro, Montgomery College, Rockville Metro, Edmonston Dr., Halpine Rd., Marinelli Rd., Security Ln., Tuckerman Ln., and Medical Center.

Starting in November, this service will be available for a regular Ride On fare, via <u>SmartTrip</u> card, pass or cash. Fare cards may not be reloaded on these buses.

Look for the new bus shelters and bus stop flag signs to identify Ride On extRa bus stops!

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Fall Citizenship Class
Starts Tuesday, October 3 6:00pm-9:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Register at the first class

This class will run for 11 weeks and end December 19, 2017, and is conducted by the Baltimore City Community College. If you have questions, call (410) 580-2756.

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## **County Brings Transit Information and Resources to More Customers**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and County Transportation leaders launched the first Mobile Commuter Store in Maryland!

Mobile Commuter Store will bring transit information and resources directly to customers throughout the County, including Metrorail, Metrobus and Ride On SmarTrip cards and passes, MARC tickets, Bikeshare membership and keys, schedules and other information for travelers. For details, visit *Mobile Commuter Store*.

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The Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) invites residents to join us for coffee and conversation on October 4 at any of the locations below. At these events, there are no meeting agendas or planned speeches. Feel free to ask questions, discuss concerns, and get to know your police officers.

#### **First District**

■ 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Dunkin' Donuts, 15180 Frederick Road, Rockville

#### **Fifth District**

 9:00 am – 10:30 am, Starbucks, 20934 Frederick Road, Germantown (Neelsville Village Center adjacent to the Milestone Shopping Center)

#### **Sixth District**

- 7:00 am 9:00 am, Chick-fil-A, 104 Main Street, Kentlands
- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Panera Bread, 598 N. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Not sure about the districts? Go to <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/districts/whatsmydistrict.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/districts/whatsmydistrict.html</a>



County Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
Wednesday, October 4 7:30pm
AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring

The County will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (October) with a screening of <u>Carpinteros</u> (Woodpeckers), a movie from the Dominican Republic that will be shown at the American Film Institute (AFI) Silver Theatre and Cultural Center. The evening will promote Hispanic and Latino arts and culture in Montgomery County and the Metropolitan region through AFI's annual Latin American Film Festival in Silver Spring.

The recognition will take place at the closing night of the festival and after the film, there will be a reception and conversation with the actor Jean Jean. *To purchase tickets* (\$15 per ticket) for the film visit AFI

# **Baederwood Water Main Replacement**

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WSSC crews will be in and around the Baederwood Neighborhood to replace their aging pipes as part of their infrastructure renewal program. Construction will replace approximately 2.51 miles of WSSC water main is scheduled to begin in September and be complete by May 10, 2019, weather permitting. The final restoration of sideways, roadways and landscaping will take place within 90 days of construction completion. Anticipated work hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm. Work may occasionally extend beyond these hours to complete specific tasks. The affected neighborhoods/streets include: Baederwood Lane, Bee Bee Drive, Frontenac Court, Bethayres Road, Briardale Road, Julia Terrace, Bee Bee Court, Baederwood Terrace, Baederwood Court, and Bethayres Court.

For a map, contacts, and more details, visit <a href="https://gis.wsscwater.com/inyourneighborhood">https://gis.wsscwater.com/inyourneighborhood</a>

Contact WSSC's 24-hour Emergency Call Center at 301-206-4002 in the event of a water or sewer emergency.

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## **MARC Rail Communities Meeting**

Thursday, October 5 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Suite 1100
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Staff from the County's Planning Department will brief residents on the key recommendations that will be in the Draft Plan that will be presented to the Planning Board soon. The new MARC Rail Communities Plan will build on the recommendations of the previous 1985 Boyds Master Plan, the 1989 Germantown Master Plan and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan, and will examine in greater detail the land uses, zoning, design and multimodal access to the two MARC stations that are in Germantown and Boyds. To get some background on the Plan, visit <a href="http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities">http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities</a>

Check out the MARC Rail Communities Feedback Map!

This application enables you to help guide the MARC Rail Communities Plan by making comments and suggestions about your area that we will use in developing recommendations for the Plan.



Your feedback is needed!

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Plum Gar Fall Festival
Saturday October 7 10:00am – 2:00pm
Plum Gar Community Recreation Center
19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown

It's free! Bring your lawn chairs

Food vendors, fall arts & crafts, live music, carnival games! Pumpkin & face painting, archery demonstrations, a petting zoo, and more! Register online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org (use activity #42480) or register in-person at the center

Questions? Call 240-777-4919 en Espanol 240-777-6839

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Montgomery College Announcements . . .

MOVE... Training to Employment Information Session Monday, October 9 6:00pm-8:00pm Montgomery College – Germantown Campus Paul Peck Academic & Innovation Building (PK180) 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Learn about qualifications needed for the MOVE Montgomery Transportation & Logistics Training to Employment Program --- how to qualify for funding, and other information in the areas of Commercial Drivers Licensing CDL-A and CDL-B and busing, trucking, and transportation logistics.

## **FAFSA Fever!**

Saturday, October 28 12:00n-3:00pm

Montgomery College-Germantown Campus
Lobby of the Bioscience Education Center (BE Building)
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Get free help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Mandatory online registration at <a href="www.montgomerycollege.edu/FAFSAFever">www.montgomerycollege.edu/FAFSAFever</a>. For more information, contact Rene Argueta at 240-567-6952 or rene.argueta@montgomerycollege.edu

Enter to win a \$250 scholarship! Winners must be MC students.

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BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Dr., Germantown
www.blackrockcenter.org

## **Performances**



<u>Hypnotic Brass Ensemble</u>. (Yes! They're the ones who provided music for the film, The Hunger Games.)

brass, Funk, Soul | Friday, Oct 6, 2017 | 8:00 PM

BlackRock proudly debuts Hypnotic Brass Ensemble for its 2017-18 season opener. Comprised of the Seven Sons of Jazz Great Phil Cohran, these Blood Brothers come from an extraordinary musical family. Read more...



Sweet Honey in the Rock

A cappella, Music | Sunday, Oct 8, 2017 | 7:00 PM | \$29-55

Making their BlackRock debut, Sweet Honey In The Rock® a cappella ensemble remains among the most vibrant, versatile and ever relevant musical collectives in music today; as a performance ensemble and as an ambassadorial African American organization founded on the triumvirate missions of empowerment, education and entertainment. Read more...

Click on the name and hear a sample. Don't miss either of these shows!!

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Live Music @ Cultural Activities @ Performance Stages

Did you Go?



# Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. **Download the PDF** application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

See the simple application for more details and instructions.

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# County Seeks Input on Proposed Zoning Changes to Address Deployment of Microtowers and Small Cell Antennas.

Monday, October 23 7:00pm-9:00pm Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Hearing Room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is requesting public input on a draft Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) to revise the County's zoning code to address deployment of small antennas on streetlights and lower-height buildings.

Because wireless technology is evolving, Montgomery County has recently received an unprecedented number of applications to deploy small cell antennas in residential neighborhoods as well as commercial areas around the County. Federal law is clear that Montgomery County cannot pass zoning laws that would have the effect of prohibiting service throughout the County. Therefore, the proposed ZTA is intended to allow providers to provide service while protecting the character of both our residential neighborhoods and commercial areas by regulating how and where these antennas can be placed, and how they should be screened or camouflaged.

The ZTA, an interactive map, and links to submit public comments can be found at <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/antennaZTA">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/antennaZTA</a>

The meeting will also be carried live on County Cable Montgomery on Verizon channel 30 or Comcast/RCN channel 6, Facebook and YouTube.

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\_releases

### Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library</a>

Department of Recreation <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp</a>

Department of Transportation <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html</a>

Department of Environmental Protection <a href="http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp">http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp</a>

Department of Permitting Services <a href="http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx">http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx</a>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <a href="http://www.montgomeryserves.org">http://www.montgomeryserves.org</a>

Office of Community Partnerships <a href="http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html">http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html</a>

Commission for Women <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html</a>

Parks Department <a href="http://www.montgomeryparks.org/">http://www.montgomeryparks.org/</a> Planning Department <a href="http://montgomeryplanning.org/">http://www.montgomeryparks.org/</a>